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TO INDIANA'S
150th
BIRTHDAY PARTY

HISTORIC RE-CREATIONS, PAGEANTS, ART,
MUSIC FESTIVALS, BOAT AND AUTO RACES



PLAN TO ATTEND THESE MAJOR BIRTHDAY EVENTS THIS YEAR



Corydon Constitutional Convention, Corydon. June 23. An event commemorating the authorship of Indiana's first constitution in 1816. The State's first Capitol building, site of the original convention, is beautifully furnished with many original pieces. It is open to the public.



Circus City Festival, Peru. August 10-13. Peru for many years was the winter headquarters for the world's greatest circuses. This festival features top amateur performers under the huge "Big Top", plus parade with circus wagons. Nationally famous event.



500 Festival Parade And Race, Indianapolis. May 28 and 30. Although the entire month of May is given over to gaiety, the highlight is the huge "500" Festival Parade on May 28, featuring 33 exquisite floats and many national celebrities. The internationally-renown "500" Mile Race is held on May 30.



Madison Regatta, Madison. September 3-4. This two-day sports event features the world's fastest racing boats. The regatta is held at Madison on the Ohio River and it attracts race fans from far corners. It ranks among the top five regattas, second in number of spectators.



Indiana State Fair, Indianapolis. August 26-September 3. One of the largest state fairs in the nation, featuring harness racing, performances by celebrated stage and screen stars, horse shows and other indoor events in the huge coliseum.



Parke County Covered Bridge Tour And Festival, Rockville. Second and third weekends in October. This colorful event includes a tour of 38 covered bridges at the height of Indiana's beautiful autumn season. Festival includes re-created pioneer activities: boiling apple butter, pressing cider, making soap, etc.

WHILE YOU'RE HERE, TAKE IN THESE COLORFUL EVENTS

Indiana University Opera Theater, Bloomington. Between July 27 and August 10. Four performances of the Conner Story, the story of the Conner brothers, Indian traders in Indiana who took Indian wives, with resulting social problems.

Fine Arts Festival, Fort Wayne. May 26-30. Five exciting days of events, including concerts, ballet, art exhibits, folk music, children's plays and puppet shows.

"Schweizer Fest", Tell City. August 14-20. A gigantic festival in this Swiss settlement. Features entertainment, family style Brau Garten with Swiss cheese and sausages, two Eidelweiss Balls, other special events reminiscent of early days.

National Drag Championship Races, Indianapolis. September 1-5. Largest drag race event in the United States. Attracts upwards of 80,000 spectators.

Lincolnland Fall Foliage Tour, Troy. Tour of this historic Ohio River valley where Abraham Lincoln spent his most formative years. The tour covers a portion of the Lincoln Heritage Trail.

150 Years Of Indiana Art. January through December. A collection of more than 25 original paintings by famous Hoosier artists will be displayed in the major cities in Indiana throughout the year. Under the sponsorship of Indiana University.

Historic Celebration, Vincennes. June 28-July 4. The first Capitol of the Indiana Territory is steeped in historical significance. See the George Rogers Clark Memorial, the Cathedral built in 1826, the Territorial Capitol, the former home of William Henry Harrison, ninth president of the United States.

Opera "Parsifal", Indiana University, Bloomington. March 20. The only full-length production in English in the world of this famous Wagnerian opera.

OTHER NOTABLE EVENTS

International Friendship Gardens opening, Michigan City. May 8. ☐ Parke County Maple Sugar Festival, Rockville. February 26-27, March 5-6. ☐ Sugar Creek Canoe Race, Crawfordsville. April 23-24. ☐ Perry County Dogwood Tour, Troy. April 24. ☐ Indiana Sesquicentennial Travel Show, Hammond. April 21-26. ☐ Persimmon Festival, Mitchell. September 28-October 1. ☐ Indian Pageant, Culver Military Academy. August 5-8. ☐ Cole Porter Commemoration, Peru. June 24-25. ☐ National Muzzleloading Rifle Association, Spring and Fall Shoots, Friendship. May 12-15. August 30-September 5.

VISIT THESE HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT PLACES WHILE IN INDIANA



Lincoln Pioneer Village, Rockport. This memorial to Abraham Lincoln's 14 formative years in Indiana includes replica buildings representative of Lincoln's life; a museum, pioneer schoolhouse and church, Lincoln homestead.



New Harmony. A preserved community dating back to 1814 where two experiments in "perfect communal living" were attempted. See the roofless church, floral maze, Workingman's Institute library and museum.



George Rogers Clark Memorial, Vincennes. Clark is credited with opening the western lands to settlement with his brilliant capture of the British fort at Vincennes, thereby preserving the Northwest Territory for the United States.



Spring Mill Pioneer Village, Near Mitchell. A completely restored pioneer village in Spring Mill State Park. See the grist mill still in operation after 150 years, the pioneer museum, apothecary shop and doctor's office, hat shop, homes of the era.



J. F. D. Lanier Mansion, Madison. One of many restored river valley mansions of the middle 1800's. Completely furnished, this charming home was built in 1844, a classic example of the Greek Revival. Nationally known for its architectural beauty and its furnishings.

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